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Libraries in Madras City.

* 473 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many libraries there are in the City of Madras;

(*b*) for how many the Government have given subsidies; and

(*c*) the libraries not assisted by the Government so far and the reason for such non-assistance?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Eighty-five.

" (*b*) Seven libraries have been paid grants from State funds for 1952–53.

" (*c*) A statement [a] furnishing the information is laid on the table of the House."

SRI A. RATHINAM :—" With reference to the answer placed on the table of the House yesterday in reply to my question, may I know, Sir, whether libraries Nos. 67 to 72 are run by Harijans and if so, will the Government consider the desirability of giving them subsidies? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" These libraries do not satisfy the condition prescribed for aid from State funds."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know, Sir, whether the libraries are expected to keep a definite number of books? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I would refer the hon. Member to the rules concerning libraries eligible for aid under the Madras Public Libraries Rules. I do not think there need be any definite number of books."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the City Library authority is conducting any library, if not, why they are not maintaining any library even though they have Rs. 5 lakhs and odd at their disposal for conducting libraries? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Though in fact, this is a separate question, I would like to inform the House that the Madras Library authority has been anxious to start a central library for which they are in search of suitable accommodation and they have not yet succeeded in finding accommodation."

Acquisition of lands for cheri sites in certain villages of Tiruvallur taluk.

* 482 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the proposals for acquiring lands for cheri sites as mentioned below are pending with the Government, and if so, how long and for what reasons :—

(*a*) Thirur,

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(b) Kadambathur,

(c) Venmanambudur,

(d) Pudumavilangai, and

(e) Krishnapuram

in Tiruvallur taluk, Chingleput district?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Acquisition proposals in respect of Tirur, Kadambathur, Venmanambudur and Pudumavilangai have been completed, and the proposals in respect of Krishnapuram are under examination by the Collector."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" In view of the fact that acquisition of land sites for cheri is delayed for more than three years, will the Government fix a reasonable time for the concerned officers to dispose of pending cases and give directions to them to dispose of them within the time prescribed? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Every effort is made to expedite acquisition."

Assignment of lands in Kanchikacherla village, Krishna district, for house-sites.

* 487 Q.—SRI V. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have issued orders that the S. Nos. 404/41 and 404/49 in Kanchikacherla village, Krishna district, be assigned for house-sites?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Member is apparently referring to S. Nos. 504/A-1 and 504/A-9 of Kanchikacherla village. The Government have ordered that the plots in the occupation of encroachers in these survey numbers should be assigned to the encroachers after a layout of the plots is prepared."

SRI V. RAMA RAO :—" May I know the actual date on which the orders were passed and the dates on which the assignees were issued the pattas and if there is any delay, may I know the reasons therefor? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I do not understand the importance of the dates. Anyway, I want notice."

House-sites for the Harijans of Rayanapadu village, Vijayavada taluk.

* 488 Q.—SRI T. POTHA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government sanctioned three or four years back house-sites for the Harijans of Rayanapadu village in Vijayavada taluk;